ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

AND

ASSESSORS

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

Library Committee and Town Treasurer,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 5, 1891.

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TOWN WARRANT.

For Annual Town Meeting, March 2, 1891,

To be Opened at 9 O'clock, A. M.

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3d. To hear the Report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, School and Library Committee.

Art. 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 5th. To see if the town will vote to license the sale of intoxicating liquors one year from May 1, 1891, the vote to be Yes or No.

Art. 6th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Jury List.

Art. 7th. To see if the town will vote fifty ($50) dollars for Memorial Day.

Art. 8th. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the ensuing year.

Art. 9th. To raise such sums of money for the Library as may be neccessary for ensuing year.

Art. 10th. To see if the town will established a higher grade of school in Northfield Center and appropriate $500 for same.

Art. 11th. To see if the town will unite with other towns to secure a Superintendent for schools.

Art. 12th. To see if the town will build a School House in District No. 6 and raise money for same.

Art. 13th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to grade and improve the center cemetery and raise and appropriate money for same or act thereon.

Art. 14th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to charge interest on all unpaid Taxes after Oct. 1st, 1891, at the rate of 6 per cent.

Art. 15th. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid before Oct. 1, 1891.

Art. 16th. To see if the town will lease or buy a farm for care of its poor or act thereon.

Art. 17th. To see if the town will raise the sum of three hundred ($300) dollars to put gravel on the streets and act thereon.

Art. 18th. To see if the town will buy a new hearse for winter use and raise money for same.

Art. 19th. To see if the town will discontinue the town road leading off of the main road through Great Swamp to Warwick line.

Art. 20th. To see if the town will discontinue the Town Road from the Dinsmore Caldwell place to Vernon line.

Art. 21st. To see if the town will discontinue the Town Road from Benjamin Morrison West to road leading from Dinsmore Caldwell's to Vernon line.

Art. 22d. To see if the town will vote to straighten the road from Frank Streeter's to Roswell Stratton's on a petition to Road Commissioners and raise money for same.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

Your Selectmen would respectfully submit for your consideration the following Report for the past year, as to the financial condition of the town. We were called by a vote of the town to have the Report printed and distributed a week earlier, so we have not all the bills in. We find, as near as we can get at it, that there is a balance against the town of about $3,555.32, and as we have been called to pay a higher rate of interest since December, we would recommend an appropriation to lessen the indebtedness the present year.

As your Overseers of Poor the past year, we have to report as follows: During the year there has been three deaths—Miss Fanny Murdock, Mrs. Sally Elmer and James Reed. We have expended the amount in all for our Poor $2,051.86; a part of this was last year's bills of about $220.15, which was aid of Mrs. Geo. Doolittle and Dwight Cook. There is due C. W. Lyman $20.00 for groceries to A. Richards and wife, and a claim of the Town of Erving for $53.00, which will be brought to your notice at your March Meeting. As the contract with Mr. Ozro Doolittle expires April 4th for care of Poor, we would call your attention whether the Poor could not be better off and at less expense if the town had a farm of their own. Other towns have lessened their expenses by so doing, and it seems to us at the present time it would be policy for the Town to take some action in the matter.

As Assessors of the Town, we submit our Report and would call the Tax Payers' attention to the fact, that if they would make out their lists and bring them in to the Assessors and make oath to same, as the law requires it would save a great deal of alteration of figures, as well as a great deal of trouble and hard feelings.

GEO. J. BACON,
S. G. WILDES,
C. A. MOULTON,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In reviewing the work of our public schools in preparation for a report of the schools to present to the people of Northfield, we are pleased to say that the school work for the year now closing has been successful. There have been nine schools in town the past year; four have been under the care of the same teacher the entire year. In Districts Nos. 1, 6 and 4 there has been one change, and in No. 9 we are sorry to say there have been two changes, but as each teacher has been one of experience the disadvantage has not been as serious as is generally the case with too frequent a change.

We cannot in this report give a detailed account of the work of each school, but in justice to our teachers we should note the interest they have manifested in their work, and the faithfulness with which they have discharged their duties. From our experience, we find no part of the trust we are called upon to administer is so important and needs such careful attention as the selecting of teachers. A teacher possessed of good health, natural ability, high moral character, and a love and enthusiasm for her work, is above price.

We feel that the custom of giving recommendations to those who desire to teach, yet have not the necessary qualifications, should be severely criticised. Could the irreparable wrong occasioned by this practice be realized, a long step would be gained and many embarrassing failures be avoided.

At the close of the present term of school, Nos. 5 and 6 have had twenty-nine weeks of school, one week more than last year. All the others have had thirty-two.

The term not having closed, we cannot give the usual record of attendance, but we feel that there is a growing interest in this direction.

In District No. 6 there have been, out of ten scholars, five neither absent or tardy, in No. 5 three out of ten, in No. 9 eight out of seventeen, and No. 2 has seven scholars that have been present every session of school throughout the year.

No vagrant or truant children have come to the knowledge of your Committee during the year.

We have made no change in text books this year, but have put into the schools a small number of new readers (Normal Course), for the use of scholars familiar with the old books, but not ready to take the advanced grade. Two complete charts have been placed in the schools, in addition to the ones purchased last year, but our schools are still sadly in need of maps, charts and books of reference, which every trained teacher finds indispensable to good work. A change should be made in our text book of Hygiene, and your Committee have examined several with a view of placing a graded series in the schools.

Slight repairs have been made on all the school buildings. Two of them, Nos. 5 and 6, are in poor condition. No. 6 is, in our judgment, beyond repair, and should be replaced with a new building. No. 9 ought to be re-seated, and we believe it would be a wise expenditure of money to give the school-house in District No. 1 a coat of paint.

The greatest improvement we have to note, is the building of a new school-house in District No. 7, according to the vote of the town at its last annual meeting. The school-house yard has been enlarged by several rods of ground, the gift of Mr. Roswell Holton. The Hall, built in connection with the school-house and presented to the town by Mr. E. M. Dickinson, and furnished by the inhabitants of the District, is a pleasant room and supplies a long felt need among the people. The contract for building was given to Mr. Frank Aldrich, and we believe he performed the work in a thorough manner. As to the cost of the building to the town, we refer you to our Financial Report, found on another page.

It has been the custom of your Committee in previous years, on presenting their annual report to the citizens of the town, to dwell at some length on the importance of co-operation of parents and guardians with the teachers and committee, but we still find

wanting in most of the schools the encouragement needed and obtainable only by personal attention on the part of parents in visiting the schools and becoming better acquainted with the teacher. We feel like urging the importance of this, when we see the advantages of it so forcibly illustrated in schools that receive frequent visits from parents and friends.

We have stated that we consider the school work of the past year successful, but by the word successful we do not mean that all has been accomplished that might have been in our schools. To enumerate all the causes for this deficiency, and state the means necessary for their removal, would take volumes instead of the space given us for this report, but another school of higher grade in the Centre would be one of the first requisites. Your Committe have repeatedly pressed the importance of this school, but at no time have they more fully realized that something must be done in this direction to meet the growing demands of our school system.

In conclusion, we would recommend there be appropriated the ensuing year for schools $2,300, repairs $300, supplies $300, conveyance $100, building fund $700.

W. J. WRIGHT,
L. R. SMITH,
A. A. RICE,
} Committee.

FINANCIAL SCHOOL REPORT,

For the year ending Feb. 5, 1891.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	$2300 00	
Repairs,	250 00	
Books and supplies,	300 00	
Conveyance,	100 00	
Massachusetts school fund,	213 92	
Dog fund,		
Income surplus revenue,		
Building fund,	1200 00	
		$4363 92

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Lillian M. Thayer, No. 7,	$146 00	
Lizzie A. Kelly, No. 3,	150 00	
Alice G. Crittenden, No. 4,	75 00	
C. H. Gale, No. 1,	120 00	
Mrs. C. H. Gale, No. 1,	80 00	
Lizzie Cousins, No. 1,	100 00	
May Crittenden, No. 6,	130 00	
Nellie A. Grimes, No. 9,	75 00	
Jennie S. Pierce, Nos. 9 and 1,	155 00	
Effie L. Bowker, No. 4,	75 00	
Lucy V. Alexander,	150 00	
Carrie L. Greenleaf,	188 50	
		$1444 50

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Nina Moore, teaching No. 4,	$90 00	
H. W. Montague, repairs No. 4,	75	
Willie A. Long, care No. 1,	15 15	
Alfred Nash, care No. 4,	6 00	
T. J. Clark, cash items,	8 07	
Charlie F. Field, care No. 3,	3 60	
Jennie S. Pierce, teaching and care No. 9,	96 00	
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching No. 2,	96 00	
Alice G. Crittenden, teaching and care No. 7,	99 00	
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching No. 3,	90 00	
C. H. Gale, teaching No. 1, grammar,	72 00	
Mrs. C. H. Gale, teaching No. 1, primary,	96 00	
Geo. H. Slate, care No. 1,	3 00	
Leon R. Alexander, care No. 2,	5 50	
James Wall, ferriage,	3 64	
H. R. Crowell, repair supplies,	1 66	
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	3 03	
		$689 40

FUEL.

John Crelan, wood No. 9,	$17 50	
W. W. Merriman, No. 5,	6 75	
Frank Perouls, cutting wood No. 9,	3 28	
C. A. Moulton, wood and labor No. 4,	20 00	
John H. Murphy, cutting wood No. 3,	3 62	
J. Wesley Mann, wood No. 3,	11 25	
E. S. Bardwell, coal,	30 40	
C. P. Britton, wood and labor No. 2,	19 16	
William Burrows, wood No. 7,	2 25	
James W. Greenwood, cutting wood No. 7,	2 25	
William Bain, wood No. 7,	12 00	
Thomas Quinlan, wood No. 1,	3 00	
M. J. Coller, wood No. 6,	5 50	
		$136 96

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Frank C. Whitaker, cleaning No. 3,		$3 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 1,	$5 00		
" " " 2,	2 00		
" " " 9,	3 00		
		10 00	
Gardner Coller, " 5,		2 50	
Frank W. Piper, " 6,		2 00	
Lillian M. Thayer, care No. 7,		3 50	
Benj. R. Morrison, cleaning No. 7,		2 60	
Alice G. Crittenden, care No. 4,		3 00	
Jennie S. Pierce, " 9,		3 00	
May Crittenden, " 6,		6 00	
T. J. Cosgrove, " 3,		2 50	
Nellie A. Grimes, " 9,		3 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 2,	$1 00		
" " " 1,	3 00		
" " " 9,	2 00		
" " " 6,	2 00		
		8 00	
Effie L. Bowker, care No. 4 and pencils,		3 80	
Leslie C. Wells, care No. 1 two terms,		12 50	
Charlie F. Field, " 3,		2 50	
Charlie Preston, " 2,		2 50	
Thomas Mason, " 1 two terms,		12 50	
Carrie L. Greenleaf, " 5 three terms,		9 20	
			$92 10

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Fred G. Stearns, No. 9,	$ 50	
W. M. Moore, No. 1,	14 32	
Fred H. Turner, No. 3,	45 00	
F. A. Webster, No. 3,	10 16	
Fred G. Stearns, No. 3,	1 75	
M. T. Moore, labor and material No. 3,	4 50	
M. H. Alkins, " " 1,	36 83	
G. H. Alexander, No. 1,	2 95	
		$116 01

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

A. S. Barnes & Co.,	$1 13	
Boston School Supply Co.,	142 32	
L. R. Smith, freight,	55	
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	4 57	
Chas. E. Merrill, books,	19 20	
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	33 60	
E. B. Goodrich & Co., charts,	30 00	
Vt. Ct. R. R. Co.,	3 50	
E. L. Hildreth & Co., printing,	1 50	
American Book Co., tablets,	3 00	
" Express "	3 55	
	——	$242 92

NEW BUILDING.

Valley Record, advertising bids,	$1 00	
Gazette & Courier, "	2 00	
C. H. Davenport, "	1 00	
Frank E. Aldrich, labor and material,	1144 50	
Chas. O. Rice, plans and specifications,	17 00	
	————	$1165 50
W. A. Choate & Co., school furniture,	97 00	
M. H. Alkins, stove, materials and labor,	24 10	
H. W. Webster, drawing furniture,	1 50	
	———	$122 60
		$1288 10

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,		$4363 92
Old bills paid,	$689 40	
Paid teachers,	1444 50	
Care buildings,	92 10	
Fuel,	136 96	
Repairs on buildings,	116 01	
Text books and supplies,	242 92	
New building,	1288 10	
Total expenditure,	$4009 99	
Expenses previous year's acc't,	689 40	
" current "	$3320 59	
Due " "	811 80	
	$4132 39	

The amount $811.80 given as due to complete school year is an approximated estimate.

Small receipts,		
Rent of hall at Farms,	6 00	
Sale " ashes "	1 00	
Sale of books,	1 87	
Credit to Centre school from A. Lincoln Kirk's entertainment,	1 88	
Amount paid town treasurer,	$10 75	

WARREN J. WRIGHT,
LEONARD R. SMITH,
ARTHUR A. RICE,
} Committee.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Assessed value of real estate,	$680,622 00	
" " personal estate,	118,361 00	
Total,		$798,983 00
No. of acres of land assessed,		19037½
" dwelling houses,		395
" horses,		401
" cows,		552
" neat cattle,		420
" swine,		249
" sheep,		216

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1890.

Voted for schools,	$2300 00	
school repairs,	250 00	
school supplies,	300 00	
school conveyance,	100 00	
No. 7 new school house,	1200 00	
highways,	1600 00	
crushed stone,	500 00	
contingent,	2500 00	
Memorial day,	50 00	
library,	175 00	
library re-catalogue,	100 00	
ventilation school house,	15 00	
		$9,090 00
For payment County tax,	1294 12	
" State tax,	700 00	
		$1,994 12
Total raised by tax,		$11,084 12

On polls,	$ 882 00	
On personal estate,	1538 69	
On real estate,	8848 09	
		$11,268 78

Rate per cent. on $1000,	$13 00
Rate on each poll,	2 00

GEO. J. BACON,
S. G. WILDES,
C. A. MOULTON,
} Assessors of Northfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS' OF POOR.

OZRO H. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Mrs. Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, 1891,	$117 00
" " Lucretia Sawyer "	117 00
" " Jerusha Doolittle "	117 00

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Mrs. Mary Pierson to Jan. 1, 1891,	169 69
" " Kate Hanwell " "	169 69

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman C. Smith to Jan. 1, 1891,	169 46
" Fred Nye to Jan. 1, 1891,	169 46
" Charles Parker,	11 62

BRIDGEWATER STATE FARM.

Board of Charles Parker to Jan. 1, 1891,	16 80

F. V. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Charles Lord,	85 39

MRS. FRANK HAMERS.

Board of Mrs. Fanny Murdock,	171 75
Coffin and fixtures,	17 50

AMOS ELMER.

Board of Mrs. Sally Elmer,	41 00

THOMAS F. REED.

Board of James Reed,	55 00
Aid Overseers of Poor,	16 50
Coffin and expenses on same,	13 15

S. N. SLATE.

Board of S. W. Slate,	16 07

TOWN OF GREENFIELD.

Aid to Mrs. Geo. Doolittle in 1889,	180 00

DWIGHT COOK AND FAMILY.

Aid from Town of Montague, 1889,	40 15
" " Athol, 1890,	108 00
Medical Attendance, Dr. Bowker,	9 00

CHANCEY K. KIMPLIN.

Aid from Town of Athol,	5 75
" Frank V. Doolittle, moving,	10 00
Aid, House Rent to April 1, 1891,	7 50

CHARLES W. LYMAN.

Aid to Abraham Richards and wife,	49 29

CITY OF WORCESTER.

Aid to John Joyce,	32 85

CITY OF LOWELL.

Aid to Fred W. Whitney and family,	31 30

CITY OF SOMERVILLE.

Aid to Mrs. A. (Watson) O'Brian,	8 00

TOWN OF BERNARDSTON.

Aid to Mrs. Alva Kemplin and family,	45 50

AID AS ORDERED BY OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe,	57 00
Dr. N. P. Wood,	11 00
Dr. R. C. Ward,	46 75
Aid to Mrs. Electa Stratton,	30 13
Aid to Mrs. Reagan,	3 00
Wm. Dickinson, aid to tramp,	1 50
Martin Dickinson, care of tramps,	54 80
Aid to Charles R. Slate,	23 25
Aid to Mrs. John Cassy,	21 28
	$2349 33

	Cr.	
By cash from Clinton A. Ware, guardian of Fred Nye,	169 00	
By cash from R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary Pierson,	83 94	
By cash from Town of Bernardston for Charles N. Slate,	23 25	
Due from City of Holyoke for aid to Mrs. John Cassy,	21 28	
		297 47
Cost of Town Poor,		2051 86

GEO. J. BACON,
S. G. WILDES,
C. A. MOULTON,
} Overseers of Poor.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Bills of 1889 that were unpaid :—

Lewis Fowler,	labor,	50
Erastus Cole,	"	1 85
Morris Joyce,	"	4 05
E. J. Blanchard,	"	90
Northfield Seminary,		15 00
S. G. Wildes,	"	1 20
S. Bemis,	"	1 50
C. P. Britton,	"	50 08
Eugene Foss,	"	3 00
E. A. Smith,	"	12 47
Jerry Twine,	"	1 00
		$91 55

Amount expended in 1890 :—

Pliny Cutting,	labor,	1 50
F. W. Piper and others,	labor,	163 00
C. P. Johnson,	repairs of scraper,	51 24
Samuel Sawyer,	labor,	47 00
S. S. Fisher,	"	16 29
Geo. A. Stearns,	"	70 68
Thos. Quinlan,	"	154 00
Gardner Coller,	"	9 71
H. W. Montague and others,		146 21
Northfield Seminary,		123 57
J. A. Williams,	plank,	48 60
John Crelan,	labor,	129 20
Wm. Wells,	"	4 50
Wm. Grace,	"	3 00
Wm. M. Reed,	"	2 70
Wright Arlin,	"	24 00
C. R. Pomeroy,	"	1 50
Timothy Crelan,	"	1 50
H. W. Webster,	"	18 05
C. W. Deane,	"	3 65
Henry Stimpson,	"	12 60
Walter Mack,	"	5 50
Henry Arlin,	"	18 05
Sumner L. Gates,	"	92 82

Joseph Clark,	labor,	1 65
Alex. Holton,	"	4 35
Oscar Holton,	"	3 75
Frank A. Webster,	repairs,	2 50
Isaac Murdock,	labor,	20 85
Wm. B. Pratt,	"	5 25
John Dale,	"	4 50
Fred G. Stearns,	"	2 50
Geo. J. Bacon,	"	45 00
Frank B. Holton,	"	8 95
H. E. Wells,	"	36 05
Jackson Arlin,	"	9 40
John Grace,	"	14 10
J. W. Mann,	"	12 50
A. Dickinson estate,	plank,	37 86
A. W. Whittaker,	labor,	2 25
I. M. Harris,	"	3 00
James Campbell,	"	2 25
E. Smith,	"	3 00
Ed. Baldwin,	"	1 65
C. Baldwin,	"	6 45
L. H. Doolittle,	"	5 25
Alvin A. Long,	"	27 42
Amos Whittaker,	"	2 25
Fred Simonds,	"	22 74
John Cassy, Jr.,	"	75
David Dale,	"	2 25
W. De Y. Field,	"	6 00
Charles Pomeroy,	"	12 30
R. K. Caldwell,	"	4 80
Fred Thomas,	"	2 60
Frank V. Doolittle,	timber for bridge,	6 75
Charles H. Green,	timber for bridge,	16 00
Merriman & Tilden,	sewer grates,	5 25
		$1444 89

H. W. MONTATUE,
S. L. GATES,
GEO. J. BACON,
} Road Commissioners of Northfield.

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR STONE AND GRAVEL.

James Barry,	labor,	$23 10	
Frank B. Holton,	"	18 75	
Wright Arlin,	"	31 50	
Geo. A. Stearns,	"	23 10	
A. J. Arlin,	"	32 00	
Daniel O'Keefe,	"	4 50	
Henry M. Ward,	"	24 60	
Terrence Coughlin,	"	7 30	
Orlando Davis,	"	24 40	
John Callaghan,	"	8 85	
Fred H. Turner,	"	7 80	
Thos. Quinlan,	"	23 00	
Isaac Mattoon,	"	9 20	
S. L. Gates,	"	39 80	
C. I. Holton,	"	54 72	
H. J. Evans,	"	10 80	
H. W. Webster,	"	36 30	
Amos Bigelow,	"	33 00	
John Robbins,	"	33 00	
M. T. Moore,	"	25 20	
George A. Stevens,	"	5 10	
Howard & Stimpson,	"	4 80	
Fred Stearns,	"	4 60	
Charles Pomeroy,	"	35 00	
Charles R. Pomeroy,	"	6 55	
			$526 57

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

We have expended the past season the sums as follows:

For general repairs of '90,	$1353 32	
bills of '89,	91 55	
stone and gravel,	526 57	
		$1971 44
For new road near Frank Streeter's,	$92 50	
" " " land damage,	55 00	
		$147 50

We would state that there will be a road to build the present season that was accepted the past year. As we have not all the bills in for the year, we have made an estimate of same and think $75 will be a fair estimate.

H. W. MONTAGUE,
S. L. GATES,
GEORGE J. BACON,
} Road Commissioners of Northfield.

CONTINGENT.

Henry Wright, care of Town hall for '89,	$25 20
" " " Town clock "	15 00
" " driving hearse for '89,	38 50
" " " " " '90,	28 00
" " care of clock " "	15 00
" " " Town hall and Library '90,	30 40
" " repairs on Town hall,	3 00
Wright Stratton, abatement of taxes,	107 15
" " " "	46 68
" " discount on taxes,	295 93
" " as Collector for '89,	40 00
" " as Town Officer "	40 35
Albert R. Lyman, as Registrar "	10 00
Charles L. Robbins, " "	8 12
E. Millen, error in tax for '89,	2 00
Dudley Johnson, abatement of tax for '89 and '90,	7 90
Fred G. Morgan, mowing cemetery, " "	8 00
Wright Arlin, " " '90,	3 94
A. J. Arlin, " " "	3 95
B. Morrisson, " " "	2 00
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing Town Reports,	82 70
Allen & Sons, goods,	9 00
L. T. & C. H. Webster, goods,	17 47
Lyman Barton, as Surveyor,	7 00
H. B. Parker, water rent, '90,	3 00
H. W. Webster, " "	5 00
Geo. Hilliard, " "	5 00
Northfield Aqueduct Co., water rent, '90,	10 00
Mrs. S. A. Field, " "	5 00
E. A. Hall, tax books,	4 15
Charles Warden, repairs on sleigh,	2 00
James Wall, toll for his child,	3 64
Charles L. Banks, abatement of tax,	4 22
Elijah Dickinson, error in tax,	1 95
Leonard R. Smith, " "	1 25
Perley B. Stimpson, " "	2 00
Alvin A. Long, " "	4 03
Mrs. Lyman Gilbert," "	3 70
Charles A. Moulton, stove for hall,	5 00
Wm. M. Moore, repairs on hall,	1 50

A. Shepardson, water rent, '90,	3 00
Charles A. Moulton, cash items,	9 29
Stephen G. Wildes, " "	2 60
H. E. Wells, as Town Officer,	23 15
Wm. E. Merriman, Election Officer,	2 50
Geo. F. Alexander, " "	2 50
John Cassey, Jr., " "	2 50
" " " Town Officer,	2 50
Charles Pomeroy, Election "	2 50
" " as Justice of Peace,	13 75
" " Perry farm tax,	3 95
W. J. Wright, cash items,	17 19
" " as Town Treasurer,	40 00
" " " Clerk,	82 00
" " burial permits,	6 00
Medad Moody, repairs, Town hall,	2 77
Peter C. Johnson, for Town,	1 05
R. K. Caldwell, discount, '90,	327 87
F. W. Piper, for building cemetery fence,	25 68
Sumner Coller, one burial permit,	25
Mrs. E. W. Colton, surveyor's chain,	1 00
Wright Stratton, abatement E. White tax,	4 00
Geo. J. Bacon, cash items, '89,	13 40
" " " '90,	11 85
H. M. Alkins, repairs of stove,	2 75
Sumner G. Titus, error in tax,	3 90
R. K. Caldwell, as Constable,	8 80
Vt. Ct. R. R. Co., toll,	4 22
R. K. Caldwell, as Collector,	67 85
A. D. Turner Estate, error in tax, '89 and '90,	11 63
Henry Wright, 2d, 19 burial permits,	4 75
W. Stratton, error in tax book, '89,	6 00
L. Barton, surveying,	7 00
	$1,621 18

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cash for Library,	275 00
Greenfield Savings Bank interest,	207 00
C. H. Webster, Insurance Town Hall,	45 00
Charles Pomeroy, Insurance School House,	51 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
County Tax,	1294 12
Hilliard & Mann, land damage,	55 00
Wesley Mann, building new road,	92 50
State aid,	144 00
Town Officers as per Auditors' Report, '90,	588 37
H. M. Alkins, for drain tile,	61 65
	$2863 64

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH

W. J. WRIGHT, TREAS.

	DR.	CR.
By balance previous year's account,		$1922 45
" cash from W. Stratton, coll.,		1830 31
To paid selectmen's orders,	$12378 46	
By cash from R. K. Caldwell, coll., 1890 tax,		9225 00
" sale of ashes at Farms,		1 00
To paid selectmen's orders, (outstanding,)	10 25	

By credit to schools,		1 88
" cash from town of Erving, (tuition,)		2 50
R. K. Caldwell, account		
Mary Pierson,		83 94
rent of hall at Farms,		6 00
S. L. Gates, (sale of		
wheels,)		15 00
C. A. Ware, account		
Fred Nye,		169 00
Sale school books,		1 87
Town of Bernardston,		23 75
Rent Town hall,		39 00
State treas. corporation tax,		9 20
" "		972 51
" Nat. bank tax,		274 34
" state aid,		24 00
" "		48 00
" Income Mass.		
School Fund,		213 92
To paid Franklin County N'l bank		
temporary loans,	7100 00	
By cash from temporary loans,		6988 00
To paid State tax,	700 00	
To balance,	1662 96	
	$21851 67	$21851 67

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 5th, 1891.

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

To Orders on Town Treasurer since Feb. 24,'90, $12815 60

By paid for Highways,	1444	89
" Contingent,	1621	18
" Poor,	2349	33
" Schools,	4009	99
" Miscellaneous,	2863	64
" Broken Stone and Gravel,	526	57
	$12815	60

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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 5, 1891.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	$4600	00
Franklin County Nat. Bank,	1000	00
Geo. J. Bacon, Selectman,	115	75
S. G. Wildes, "	97	25
C. A. Moulton, "	59	25
W. J. Wright, School Committee,	68	25
L. R. Smith, " "	34	70
A. A. Rice, " "		
Outstanding orders,	437	14
For schools,	811	00
For highways,	75	00
For poor,	20	00
		$7318 34

ASSETS.

Cash in town treasury,	1662	96
Due from Collector of Taxes, 1890,	2043	78
" Henry Wright, 2d, for Town Hall,	29	00
" W. Stratton, error in settlement,	6	00
" City of Holyoke,	21	28
		$3763 02

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7318 34
3763 02
$ 5555 32

ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1891,		$1065 41
Drawn from the bank and paid as follows:		
Paid widow of John Weeks,	5 00	
" " Wm. Stevens,	10 00	
" " Elijah Field,	5 00	
Paid Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
Miss Fannie Field,	5 00	
" Mary Field,	5 00	
widow of Charles Morgan,	5 00	
	40 00	
Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1891.		$1025 41

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
February 17th, 1891.

Number of volumes in library, last report,	3099
" " purchased past year,	92
" " presented by Agricultural Library and others,	175
Total,	3366

Number of families, patrons of library,		210
" volumes circulated,		4290
Total amount of fines collected,	$7 37	
" " fees from visitors,	1 80	
		$9 17
Amount paid by Librarian for incidentals,		1 54
Balance,		$7 63
Uncollected fines,		$1 15

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

	DR.
To cash on hand last report,	$10 98
" appropriation for new books,	100 00
" " " Librarian and incidentals,	75 00
" " " re-catalogueing library,	100 00
" cash received from fines,	7 63
	$293 61

1890.			CR.
April 11,	By paid for	covering-paper,	$1 80
" 11,	"	express on same,	25
" 12,	"	for "Heroes of Dark Continent,"	3 00
" 14,	"	" "Massachusetts in the Civil War,"	5 00
" 14,	"	express on same,	25
" 24,	"	" new books,	1 15
" 28,	"	DeWolf, Fisk & Co., for new books,	93 83
Aug. 25,	"	express on catalogues,	75
" 27,	"	for Stanley's " In Darkest Africa,"	7 50
Sept. 12,	"	E. A. Hall & Co., for labels,	1 50
Oct. 6,	"	" " catalogues,	112 00
Nov. 14,	"	express on books,	30
1891.			
Jan. 2,	"	L. W. Rice, for re-binding books,	10 30
Feb. 17,	By balance in hands of committee,		55 98
			$293 61

DR. R. C. WARD,
DR. N. P. WOOD,
CAPT. C. C. DUNCAN,
} Library Committee.